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Third of city police suffer PTSD



Officers at the scene where they shot and killed a man who stabbed three people in the Downtown Eastside in 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Culture around mental health needs to change, researcher says



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Police forces across Canada might be wise to look to Vancouver Police Department if they want to better serve and protect their own members, if a landmark survey of its officers is any indication.

According to the study, being presented at a first responders conference in Surrey this week, VPD officers suffer high rate of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and operational stress injuries — results the union's president characterized as "unprecedented" and "ongoing."

Among the findings of the union-commissioned survey, one in every three officers display enough symptoms to have PTSD, a debilitating condition involving triggers and flashbacks related to distressing incidents, trouble regulating emotion, and often

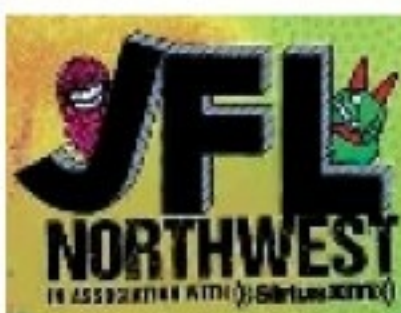
damaged relationships and trust.

The survey, commissioned by the police union in late 2015, is the most comprehensive ever done amongst Canadian police forces, said co-author and psychologist Lisa Kitt, a criminology professor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She is presenting the study at the Connections in First Responder Mental Health conference at the school on Thursday and Friday.

Kitt, a former corrections officer herself whose father and husband were firefighters, said the VPD should be commended for supporting its members' mental health, both through peer-support programs and its critical incident stress management team.

"My sense is the department is doing good things, having good conversations," she said. "... It's important to acknowledge there's a significant problem and their members are suffering. Cultures still need to change."

But even the union's president said the numbers caught him off guard. "I knew there were issues with cynicism, depression and fatigue," Tom Stamatakis said. "But I was surprised to see their extent."



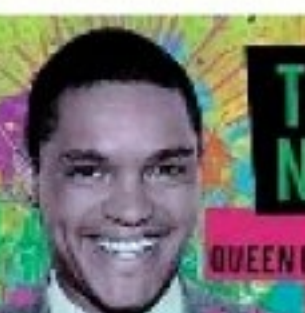
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Vancouver **metro** NEWS

Detached homes at risk of teardown

HOUSING

**Researchers
say a quarter
will be gone
in a few years**



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About one quarter of detached homes in Vancouver will likely be torn down by 2030, according to an analysis by researchers.

The teardown index, developed by UBC architecture professor Joseph Dahmen and data expert Jens von Bergmann, compares the house value with the land value.

The greater the land value is compared to the house value, the more likely it will be torn down and replaced by a new one, says Dahmen.

"When a building is worth less than 10 per cent of the total value of the property, the probability of teardown and replace-



An analysis from UBC says about a quarter of Vancouver's detached homes will likely be torn down by 2030. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

ment increases dramatically."

In fact, half of single-family houses in Vancouver are already worth less than 7.5 per cent of the lots they sit on. Many of those houses will be replaced by even bigger detached houses, said von Bergmann.

"It's not clear how that will

help affordability. We should ask ourselves how to replace these teardowns with more units of ground-oriented, family-friendly homes on each lot."

Dahmen and von Bergmann used city data and BC Assessment records on teardowns between 2005 and 2015.



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Hogan's Alley backers want black cultural centre in place of viaduct

COMMUNITIES

Hub could be built on land after structure is torn down



Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

City policymakers bulldozed Vancouver's once vibrant black neighbourhood with the construction of the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts, but advocates say tearing down the 40-year-old highway would be an opportunity to bring the area back to life.

At its peak, Hogan's Alley was home to many immigrant communities but the Black community was 800-people strong and served as a hub for black culture in Vancouver, said advocate and urban planner Lama Mugabo.

The viaducts, constructed in 1972 to connect East Vancouver to downtown, destroyed all of that, he said. "When Hogan's Alley was destroyed, the black community lost its core so we don't have a place we call home."

Mugabo moved to Vancouver in 1975 from Rwanda, only a few years after the viaducts were built. "It really dealt a huge psychological blow to the black community — we don't have a place to meet, to talk, to share



A group of advocates are calling for a black community centre when the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts are removed.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

the culture and food."

There are many cultural centres for immigrant communities in Vancouver, including the Croatian Cultural Centre, the Italian Cultural Centre, just to name a few. But there is no equivalent for the black community, said Mugabo, a member of the Hogan's Alley working group.

The viaducts removal, which will go ahead in 2018 if council approves, could be Vancouver's chance to help build a new one, he said.

"We want to see a black cultural centre and programs that make that place really vibrant and hopefully also attract black businesses."

The working group hopes the city will create social housing opportunities in the area, too, said Mugabo. The advocate, who also has a Master's degree in urban planning from UBC, calls Vancouver a "developer-friendly" city where condos appear ubiquitous.

"We are also mindful of the fact that most black people are

not able to buy those condos. So we're pushing for the case of 100 per cent social housing at welfare rates so that we can provide housing to folks who need it."

The city's planning director for the Northeast False Creek Project, Kevin McNaney, told Metro council directed staff to make plans for 300 to 200 units of so-



When Hogan's Alley was destroyed, the black community lost its core so we don't have a place we call home.

Lama Mugabo

cial housing along the stretch of Main Street currently under the viaduct's shadow.

A cultural centre for the black community is a possibility, he added.

"Council has directed us to do some meaningful commemoration of Hogan's Alley and to work closely with the community on what that would look like."

He says the city holds monthly meetings with the black community, which include descendants of residents who were forced out of Hogan's Alley in the mid 1900s.

City staff have also been conducting public consultation on development plans for the area and will present a report to council at the end of 2017, according to Naney.

UBC Learning Exchange is hosting a public conversation about the future of Hogan's Alley Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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Province slashes health premium

FINANCE

Budget called vote buying, has no welfare lift or gas boom



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British Columbia will phase out its experiment with a separate tax for health care, and its first step is to slash the Medical Services Plan (MSP) premium by half for most families next year.

On Tuesday afternoon, Finance Minister Mike de Jong unveiled the final provincial budget before his BC Liberals defend their 16 years in power in an election.

De Jong nicknamed his own budget "the people's budget" in a speech in the legislature, proclaiming the province had overcome the impact of the 2008 downturn. But the NDP swiftly labelled it a pre-election vote-buying scheme that stands in contrast to years of rising costs.

"While other (provinces) have continued to struggle," de Jong said, "we in B.C. have come such a long way and have accomplished a lot to be proud of. It takes a lot of hard work to come out after a storm, but we've done it."

Starting next Jan. 1, the budget cuts MSP premiums by half for families earning less than \$120,000 a year. More than two million residents won't pay any



B.C. Finance Minister Michael de Jong arrives to deliver a balanced budget for a fifth year in a row at the Legislative Assembly in Victoria on Tuesday. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

premiums at all. And de Jong said that the province will move to end the segregated medical premium, which is included in other provinces' income-tax rates.

Referring to the spending measures announced Tuesday — including millions toward education, health care, mental health and the children and families ministry — de Jong said this "dividend" was "made possible by the people's hard work and people's beliefs in the province."

One measure previously announced is a hike in disability assistance rates. But low-income people will continue bringing home \$610 a month, with the welfare rate remaining at the same rate it's held since 2007.

Carole James, NDP finance critic, lashed out following de Jong's speech, labelling it a "forget-everything" budget and said even the signature item, the MSP cut, merely introduced previously raised fees over several years.

"Now that it's election time, the government is singularly focused on having you forget everything they have ever done," she said. "They're hoping you're going to forget the families, children and seniors and so many people that had a very tough five years under this premier."

The government's 2013 campaign promise of a booming liquefied natural gas industry also found little mention in the budget four years later.

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Beaumont Studios hit by 80% property tax increase



Jen St. Denis
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An artists' space in Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighbourhood is looking for a new home after property taxes rose from \$50,000 to \$90,000 — an 80 per cent increase — over two years.

"We're not trying to be sensationalist, but it's legitimately dire," said Sean Sherwood, strategic director for the Beaumont Studios, located at 5th Avenue and Alberta Street.

"We're on a three-month plan. I said stop thinking about anything that's outside of three months because we need to figure out how to survive the next three months."

Beaumont Studios bills itself as an "art nucleus." The membership-based organization rents out 35 studios to 84 artists, has a gallery space and also can be rented as an events venue. Last year, when Beaumont's property tax bill rose from \$50,000 to \$70,500, the studio raised rents on the artist studios, cut staff and reduced existing staff salaries. There's now nowhere else to cut, although staff are trying to "aggressively" apply for grants and add new members, Sherwood said.

Property values throughout Vancouver jumped between 2015 and 2016, and again between 2016 and 2017. But it's commercial and industrial areas that have



Beaumont Studios' property tax bill has nearly doubled in two years. Commercial and industrial areas have seen some of the most dramatic increases in property values. GOOGLE STREETVIEW



We're trying to score the Emily Carr space on Granville Island, but it's a dog fight.

Sean Sherwood

seen some of the most dramatic increases this year. If a building's assessed value rises higher than the average increase for the municipality, property taxes will go up. Commercial leases are commonly set up so that tenants directly pay for property tax.

While some of the commercial area increases — as much as 300 per cent in some cases — are the result of rezoning, others are simply speculation.

The zoning hasn't changed for the area where the Beaumont is located, but the venue is located

near Olympic Village. Sherwood believes it's simply the anticipation that the area might one day be zoned for condos that is pushing the property value up. (The assessed value of the site jumped from \$6 million in 2016 to \$10 million in 2017).

Beaumont staff are now looking for a new space. But Sherwood believes that artist spaces can no longer function sustainably in Vancouver without being in a government-owned building, where rents are purposely kept low.

"We're trying to score the Emily Carr space on Granville Island, but it's a dog fight. All the artist societies are trying to find space; we're all competing with each other for the same thing," Sherwood said, referring to the former home of Emily Carr University of Art and Design.

"We're long past where anybody doing a creative industry can participate at market rates."



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Hundreds of Yazidis bound for Canada

IMMIGRATION

Initiative to bring in refugees expected to cost \$28 million

The Trudeau government is poised to announce today that Canada has given safe haven to almost 400 Yazidi refugees and other survivors of Islamist extremists in the last four months and will take in about 800 more by the end of the year.

The initiative is expected to cost \$28 million, according to details obtained by The Canadian Press.

In addition to 1,200 government-assisted refugees, the government says it also intends to facilitate private sponsorships of Yazidi refugees.

The announcement comes four months after the House of Commons unanimously supported a Conservative motion that called on the government to provide asylum to an unspecified number of Yazidi women and girls.

The motion recognized that Daesh is committing genocide against the Yazidi people and holding many of the religious



Yazidi refugees celebrate news of the liberation of their homeland of Sinjar from Daesh in 2015. GETTY IMAGES

group's women and girls as sex slaves.

Although the motion referred only to providing asylum to Yazidi women and girls, the 1,200 refugees will include male family members.

Although the motion referred strictly to the Yazidi people, the government is not confining its efforts solely to members of that religious group, who live primar-

ily in northern Iraq.

Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen says Canada has long offered protection to refugees based on "vulnerability, not religion or ethnicity" and will thus focus on "highly vulnerable" survivors of Daesh. Still, he says a "significant majority" of the 1,200 will be Yazidi due to the "high level of violence" they've suffered.

Roughly three quarters of the 400 refugees that have come into Canada so far are Yazidi, said officials.

The Yazidi people are "an integral part" of Iraq's society and it's important to preserve that, Hussen argued, adding that's why the government is focusing on "a small number of people for whom resettlement is the best option." THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTELLIGENCE

Former double agent facing deportation

Hussein Ali Sumaida says Canada is the only safe haven for him even if he spends the rest of his life here without legal status.

A former double agent for the Israeli intelligence service and Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's regime, the now 52-year-old Hamilton, Ont. man said his life would be in danger if he was sent anywhere in the Middle East.

Canadian officials have been trying to remove Sumaida ever since he arrived in Toronto in 1990 for asylum and was deemed inadmissible to the country a year later for his "espionage" activities that they said made him complicit in crimes against humanity.

In fact, Ottawa did deport him once to Tunisia — the birth-

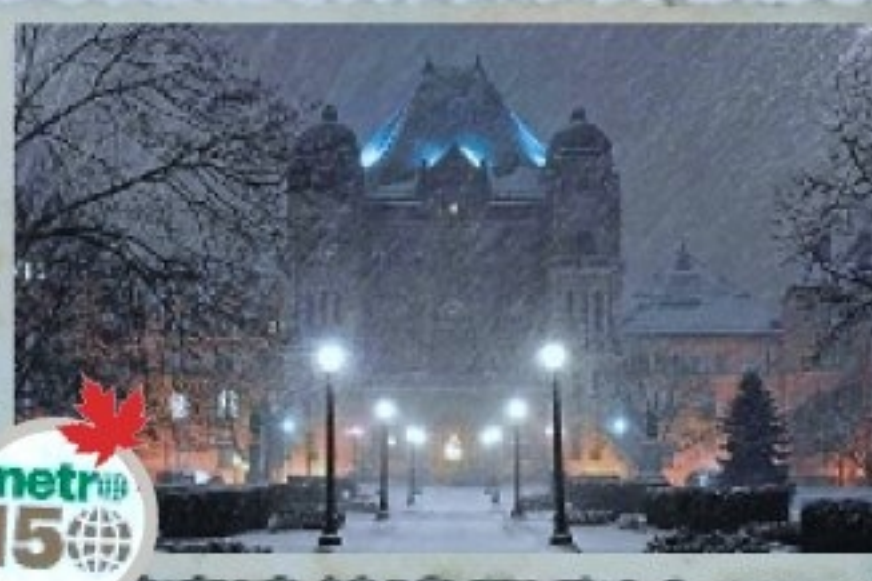
place of his Iraqi diplomat father, where he himself had never been — in 2005, but Sumaida assumed a false identity, "Brandon Timothy Casey," and returned on an emergency passport.

After living a low-profile life over the last decade, raising a family with a job in construction, Sumaida said he recently got a letter in the mail informing

him that a pre-removal risk assessment had been initiated to determine if it's safe for him to be deported to Tunisia again.

"I just want to stay alive in Canada, even with no status. Just don't make me go back there and be tortured," Sumaida said. "It is just not fair to leave somebody in limbo for 27 years. We are not animals." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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ONTARIO

Deadly snakes stolen

More than a dozen deadly snakes pose a danger to after a weekend break-in in southern Ontario, local police said Tuesday.

Niagara Regional Police said the snakes were snatched for a rural home in Thorold, Ont., on Saturday, leaving them scrambling to recover the animals and identify suspects.

Const. Phil Gavin said the targeted attack zeroes in on a wide array of snakes, most of which are venomous and all of which have potential to kill. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Officials in the Trump administration say the team is moving into drafting health-care and tax overhauls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Month Two: Legislation

POLITICS

Trump team trying to move beyond controversies

As President Donald Trump begins his second month in office, his team is trying to move past the crush of controversies that overtook his first month and make progress on health care and tax overhauls long sought by Republicans.

Both issues thrust Trump, a real estate executive who has never held elected office, into the unfamiliar world of legislating. The president has thus far relied exclusively on executive powers to muscle through policy priorities and has offered few details about what he'll require in any final legislative packages, like how the proposals should be paid for.

The White House also sent conflicting signals about whether the president will send Congress his own legislative blueprints or let lawmakers drive

the process.

White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said he expects a health-care plan to emerge in "the first few days of March." Pressed on whether the plan would be coming from the White House, Priebus said, "We don't work in a vacuum."

On Sunday, White House advisers held a three-hour meeting on health care at Trump's South Florida club, their third lengthy discussion on the topic in four days. Gary Cohn, the former Goldman Sachs banker now serving as Trump's top economic adviser, and newly sworn-in Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin have been leading talks with Republican lawmakers and business leaders on taxes. Neither man has prior government experience.

Republicans long blamed Democrats for blocking efforts to overhaul the nation's tax code and make changes to the 2010 health care law. But with the GOP now in control of both the White House and Congress, making good on those promises rests with the president and his party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLITICAL DIGEST

Millions targeted for deportation

Millions living in the U.S. illegally could be targeted for deportation under a rewrite of immigration enforcement policies announced Tuesday.

Any immigrant who is in the country illegally and is charged or convicted of any offence will now be a priority, according to Homeland Security. AP

Canada will not abandon Mexico: Freeland

Canada has reassured Mexico that updating NAFTA will be a three-way conversation involving all three member countries. Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland's remarks Tuesday appear to clarify speculation that Canada will abandon Mexico and pursue bilateral talks with President Donald Trump. AP

LIBYA

Bodies of refugees wash up on coast

At least 74 bodies of African refugees have washed ashore in western Libya, the Libyan Red Crescent said Tuesday, the latest tragedy at sea along a perilous but increasingly popular trafficking route to Europe.

The bodies were found near the western Libyan city of Zawiyah on Monday, Red Crescent said spokesman Mohammed al-Misrati, adding that he feared more might surface. He said a torn rubber boat, the

kind that usually carry up to 120 people, was found nearby.

The Red Crescent's branch in Zawiyah said there are bodies still floating out at sea but it has no means to retrieve them.

The International Organization of Migration said the traffickers took the engine and left the boat to drift. Another 12 refugees remain missing and are "presumed drowned," and a sole survivor was transferred to a hospital in a coma,

the UN migration agency said on Twitter.

The Red Crescent posted photographs of dozens of bodies in white and black bags, lined up along the shore. Al-Misrati said the bodies would be taken to a cemetery for unidentified people in the capital, Tripoli. The Red Crescent appealed for help on Facebook, saying there are no vehicles to transport the bodies.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTRALIA

Pilot yelled 'mayday' before crash into mall

A pilot repeatedly yelled out "mayday" but did not say what the emergency was before his light plane crashed into the roof of an Australian shopping mall, killing himself and four tourists, an investigator said Wednesday.

"My understanding is he didn't refer to the specific nature of the emergency," a safety official said. AP

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PAUL WELLS ON TRUDEAU'S PITCH TO EUROPE



Our prime minister steps up to an opulent plate in Hamburg with a warning about populism

The St. Matthew's Day Banquet in Hamburg has been a big date on the German city's social calendar for centuries. Under the gilded roof of the historic town hall's palatial banquet room, keynote speakers — a German dignitary and a foreign guest — discuss the matters of the day before hundreds of revellers.

Perhaps Justin Trudeau's staff didn't notice before he spoke at this year's banquet that the keynote slot is now jinxed. The non-German speaker in 2016 was David Cameron, then the prime minister of Britain. Four months later he lost the Brexit referendum and resigned. In 2015 the guest keynote was delivered by Polish president Bronislaw Komorowski. Three months later he lost his country's presidential election.

In 2014 Danish PM Helle Thorning-Schmidt — famous to space-challenged headline writers the world over as "Obama selfie friend" after she posed for a photo with the former U.S. president at Nelson Mandela's funeral — addressed the Hamburg dinner. She lost her next election and retired from politics. In 2013 the cursed Hamburg keynote slot was occupied by Jean-Marc Ayrault, who lasted for 13 months as France's prime minister before losing that job.



The guy in the tux on the plight of workers Trudeau gave the keynote address at a lavish Hamburg banquet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Apparently Trudeau is hoping to buck the trend.

It's a very specific trend, if we look more closely. Cameron was trying to stem a rising tide of populism by urging the EU to reform. He failed, and saw his career washed away by a tide of populist nationalism.

Komorowski was the standard-bearer for a moderate pro-European business conservative party that found itself losing, first in Poland's presidential vote and then in parliamentary elections, to Law and Justice, a social-conservative movement that plays on fear of Poland's neighbours, leftover resentment against Communism, and suspicion of newcomers.

Thorning-Schmidt's social democrats lost to a centre-right

party, thanks to a surge in support for the further-right Danish People's Party.

Ayrault's departure was less dramatic. French prime ministers are appointed by presidents, and Ayrault took the fall when it became clear that François Hollande's presidency was going nowhere fast. Marine Le Pen is almost certain to win more votes in May's French presidential election than the candidate of Ayrault's Socialist party.

So the last four consecutive Hamburg keynoters came a cropper, because the fury of the disaffected made political business-as-usual impossible.

Now along comes Trudeau. Appropriately enough, the tone of his remarks to the Hamburg swells was unchar-

acteristically dark. "Citizens across the political spectrum are looking for guidance. They're looking for leadership. They're looking for a voice," he said. "And so far, they're feeling a little let down."

When "companies post record profits on the backs of workers consistently refused full-time work," he said, "people get defeated." When "governments serve special interests instead of the citizens interests who elected them, people lose faith."

Inequality has made citizens distrust governments and employers, "and we're watching that anxiety transform into anger on an almost daily basis."

That's got to change, Trudeau said. "It's time to get real about the challenges facing the middle class," he said.

The rest of his speech was corporate-responsibility stuff — living wage, maternity leave, and so on. As for governing Canada, he offered no hint about what might be next.

But I don't take the PM to have been basking in complacency. He didn't come before his German hosts as the guy with the solution. He cast himself, with them, as one who needs to find it.

Paul Wells is a Toronto Star national affairs columnist.

VICKY MOCHAMA

No queue for refugees

Speaking to CBC radio, Conservative MP and public safety critic Tony Clement was asked if migrants crossing from the U.S. pose a security risk.

He answered "we don't know yet" and that the migrants should follow the refugee claim procedures that "many, many people — tens of thousands do every year."

"We've got a queue jumping situation here as well where we are diverting resources to deal with these claims rather than the claims of people who are going through the legal process," he told CBC.

No, Tony. There is no "queue jumping situation" because there is no queue.

Simply put: There is no line-up when you're fleeing a fire.

On one point he is right. Many, many people do claim refugee status each year. And that's about it. (According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2015 over 16,000 people claimed refugee status at immigration offices.)

As for the rest he is worryingly wrong.

"Refugee claimants are not in a queue. They're in a completely separate process by which people are asserting their rights under the Refugee Convention," Janet Dench, executive director of the Canadian Council of Refugees, told Metro.

Canada became a signatory to the landmark document in 1969. It doesn't spell out that refugees don't wait in a line. It doesn't need to, because it should be obvious that run-

ning away isn't orderly.

Clement ended the call with CBC when pressed on solutions and complained on Twitter about being asked questions by the press. Sounds familiar.

The notion of a "queue" is dangerous rhetoric. Not only does it belie the facts of international refugee law, it also delegitimizes the lives of people who have already faced incredible dangers.

This dangerous rhetoric isn't unique to Canada. Such words have become actions in Australia, where many refugees are kept on a veritable prison island called the Manus Processing Centre. It is a multi-billion dollar facility dedicated almost solely to keep refugees from exercising their rights to freedom of movement by manufacturing a "queue."

Language like Clement's is also not new, says Dench: "We have seen in the past the setting up of a dichotomy between good refugees and bad refugees."

Those who claim that refugees are jumping the line are ignoring the law. As the world faces a global migrant crisis that includes 21.3 million refugees, the truth about the law must be told. Canadians signed up 48 years ago to join the rest of the world in providing for and protecting refugees. With the Syrian refugee program, we reaffirmed that commitment to human rights.

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Kitchen crisis as bad harvest sends global prices surging



May Warren
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Hold the dressing — that bottle of Italian olive oil might have to last a while.

A bad harvest has sent the price of the Mediterranean staple surging and, closer to home, some local retailers and restaurants are already on edge.

Bad weather and pests have driven the wholesale cost of Italian olive oil up 64 per cent over the same period last year, which translates into a 15-20 per cent shelf price increase in that country.

Carmine Raviele, who owns Little Italy's Il Gatto Nero restaurant in Toronto with his son, said he hasn't had to hike prices yet, but the increase is on his mind.

"We've noticed it and it does make a difference," he said.

"Eventually, you'll have to pass it on to the customer."

The Italian price increases are chalked up to early rains that knocked some buds off olive trees and the threat of the olive fly, which forced many farmers into an early harvest.

Raviele said he's seen a jump in price of Italian olive oil from suppliers of around 20 per cent starting about three weeks ago.

"You can buy cheap oil from other places in the world but then people are used to a certain product; they can tell the difference," he added.

Andreas Voulgaris of Olive



Italy's olive oil wells run dry

Italy's plantations of olive trees have been affected by adverse and unseasonal weather conditions as well as attack from the olive fly. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Oil Emporium, which ships the product across Canada, said it's been a tough season, and expects they may not end up getting any Italian olive oil that meets their standards for quality this year.

"There's not much out there," he said. "It's very, very challenging and there's not much you can do."

But his business has lots of other options, including olive

oil from Spain, Greece, Chile and Peru.

Out of the world's 314 best olive oils awarded at the New York International Olive Oil Competition last year, 109 were from Italy — more than any other country, despite a poor 2014/15 harvest.

Italian olive oil is particularly vulnerable to extreme weather and pests because of the different environments

that olives grow in, from Northern hills to Southern groves.

But that's also how Italian olive oil gets so many different flavours.

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Yiannopoulos quits Breitbart role

Polarizing right-wing writer Milo Yiannopoulos resigned as an editor at Breitbart News on Tuesday and apologized for comments he had made about sexual relationships between boys and men.

Yiannopoulos, speaking to reporters, said that two men, including a priest, had touched him inappropriately when he was between the ages of 13 and 16.

"My experiences as a victim led me to believe I could say anything I wanted to on this subject, no matter how outrageous," he said. "But I understand that my usual blend of British sarcasm, provocation and gallows humour might have come across as flippancy, a lack of care for other victims or, worse, advocacy. I am horri-

fied by that impression."

He said he was resigning from Breitbart, which helped make him a star, because it would be "wrong to allow my poor choice of words to detract from my colleagues' important reporting."

The apology followed days of criticism from fellow conservatives after the release of video clips in which Yiannopoulos appeared to defend sexual relationships between men and boys as young as 13.

In one of them, Yiannopoulos, who is gay, said relationships between boys and men could "help those young boys discover who they are and give them security and safety and provide them with love and a reliable sort of rock, where they can't speak to their parents."



Milo Yiannopoulos was an editor at Breitbart News. GETTY IMAGES

On Monday, he was disinvited from the Conservative Political Action Conference after video of his remarks was promoted through social media.

Publisher Simon & Schuster announced it would cancel the

publication of his upcoming book, *Dangerous*.

Yiannopoulos said the book had already received interest from other publishers and would still come out this year.

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MBA GUIDE

Acing your MBA entrance interview

Pantsuit ironed and head held high, you walk confidently into your MBA entrance interview only to trip over the recruiter's foot and fall flat against the floor. Relax — this time around was only a dream, but something has told you it's time to start setting the scene for this upcoming event. So what exactly should you consider when getting set for your face-to-face?

"As with any interview, the student should prepare," says Cynthia Bishop, manager of student experience at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business. "They should be researching the school and the program and should have a clear understanding of their appli-



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cation." An application, says Bishop, that doesn't necessarily have to feature coveted positions at illustrious corporations.

"They could speak to summer jobs and volunteer work," says Bishop. "Often we look at the undergrad period. Did they organize clubs or competitive sports? We're probing to see that they demonstrating the potential for future

leadership."

And when it's time to look up from the resumé and face the recruiter, Bishop suggests prospective MBA student present themselves in a way that is reflective of their past experiences and where they want to go moving forward.

"We're not testing them for such things as their English capabilities," says Bishop. "It's an

overall assessment of whether they're presenting professionally with a sense of maturity that comes through in their answers."

And while Sandra Betton, MBA director at Concordia's John Molson School of Business, reminds that students should remember to bring along such tangible items as their statement of purpose and reference letters, there are a couple of things they should always check at the interview door. "Two things a student should avoid are arrogance and not listening to the questions," says Betton. "Our students genuinely care about and support each other. An arrogant individual who is just out for themselves is not a good fit for the program and probably wouldn't enjoy the experience"

"Don't treat the interview as a meeting," says DeGroote's Cynthia Bishop. "It is truly an interview. We conduct it the same way a corporate partner would conduct a job interview — we approach it in the same way."

"The candidates that blow it out of the water know who they are and know where they want to go."

-LIZ BEDDALL



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NYIT celebrates International Women's Day

To offer support to female students in its fast-growing MBA program, the New York Institute of Technology's (NYIT) Vancouver campus is launching new initiatives and events.

"We've always had a lot of women learners and we want to make sure these students feel empowered," says NYIT associate professor Petra Dilling.

Dilling is currently in the planning stages of starting a women's club for MBA students. It is a concept she hopes will encourage students to gain confidence in a safe space while also empowering each other.

"The goal is for students to be confident enough to speak up for themselves when they

get into male-dominated boardrooms," she says. "I hope this club will help with that and other challenges."

On March 8, meanwhile, the campus will celebrate International Women's Day with its Embracing Growth in Leadership event, featuring a panel of local leaders sharing their journeys to success. Attendees will learn what makes a good leader, hear about the challenges of leadership and how to best cultivate a work-life balance, and get advice on career advancement.

"Through events like this, we want the community to get to know us and we want to get to know the community," says Dilling, who her-

self has been supported by NYIT in attending various women and leadership events.

NYIT Vancouver offers two MBA options, one with a finance concentration and the other with a focus on management.

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And, says the director of recruitment and admissions for graduate programs at Simon Fraser University's (SFU) Beedie School of Business, at SFU that advancement can begin before you even graduate.

"An MBA is one piece of the puzzle, but an important piece, in reaching long-term goals," says Shane Moore. "And a big part of an MBA is not just what you learn in the classroom but also career development. Because we have small class sizes, we really get to know our students. That means we get to know your career aims and can work closely with you, which can make a real difference."

Beedie offers a range of MBA options, including full-time and part-time MBAs, a management of technology MBA, executive MBA and executive MBA in Aboriginal business and leadership. No matter what program option a student chooses, he or she has access to the services at Beedie's Career Management Centre (CMC).

"We have a team of people at the Centre

and they provide a variety of different services to students and are connected to the business industry so they can promote our students locally, nationally and across the globe," says Moore.

"Among some of the most popular services are individualized career support that include formulating a five-year plan, workshops and coaching, mentorship and networking, and guidance and introductions for professional experience opportunities."

In fact, says Moore, Beedie boasts the largest mentorship network in Western Canada, with more than 10,000 industry connections in its database. Among the companies at which SFU graduates have been hired are: Accenture, BC Hydro, TD Commercial Banking, Deloitte and Providence Health Care.

"Whether you take our part-time program, which is delivered twice a week in the evenings and allows you to continue to work, or any of our other deliveries, as an MBA grad you'll have options," he says Moore. "What we do at Beedie is try to ensure we are helping you open as many doors as possible."



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One of Thompson Rivers University's (TRU) key values is accessibility. It is a principle, says the school's director of graduate business programs, that makes its master of business administration (MBA) program one of Canada's most flexible.

"The traditional full-time format doesn't work for every student," says Victoria Martin. "Some are unable to or don't want to pause their careers for up to two years, some have other commitments and some live in remote areas without a local university. That's why we offer such flexible study options."

TRU, while facilitating traditional full-time and part-time MBA formats, also offers an accelerated one-year alternative (allowing those with an acceptable undergraduate degree in business or commerce to enter directly into the second year of the full-time program), a fully online option and a blended online-in-person learning delivery.

"Our online option attracts working professionals, who find the flexibility enables them to achieve their goals while maintaining their careers," says Martin. "Our on-campus program typically attracts slightly younger students who see a strong value in the network-building aspects and enhanced extracurricular activities of the face-to-face experience."

Delivery isn't the only choice TRU MBA students make. The school also offers a course-based or research-based comple-

tion option. Martin says in the course-based MBA, students complete four courses in advanced topics such as innovation and entrepreneurship and decision analysis and modelling. In the research-based completion option, meanwhile, students complete a thesis or a graduate project.

"Ours is a general MBA, designed to provide graduates with a set of skills that is transferable to any type of role, organization or industry," she says. "We recognize most of us will change careers several times during our working life and we want our graduates to be well equipped for any path they choose."

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*– Victoria Martin, TRU director
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TRU's School of Business and Economics has also been innovative in its development of other graduate programs. In September, it will launch two master's degrees in environmental economics and management.

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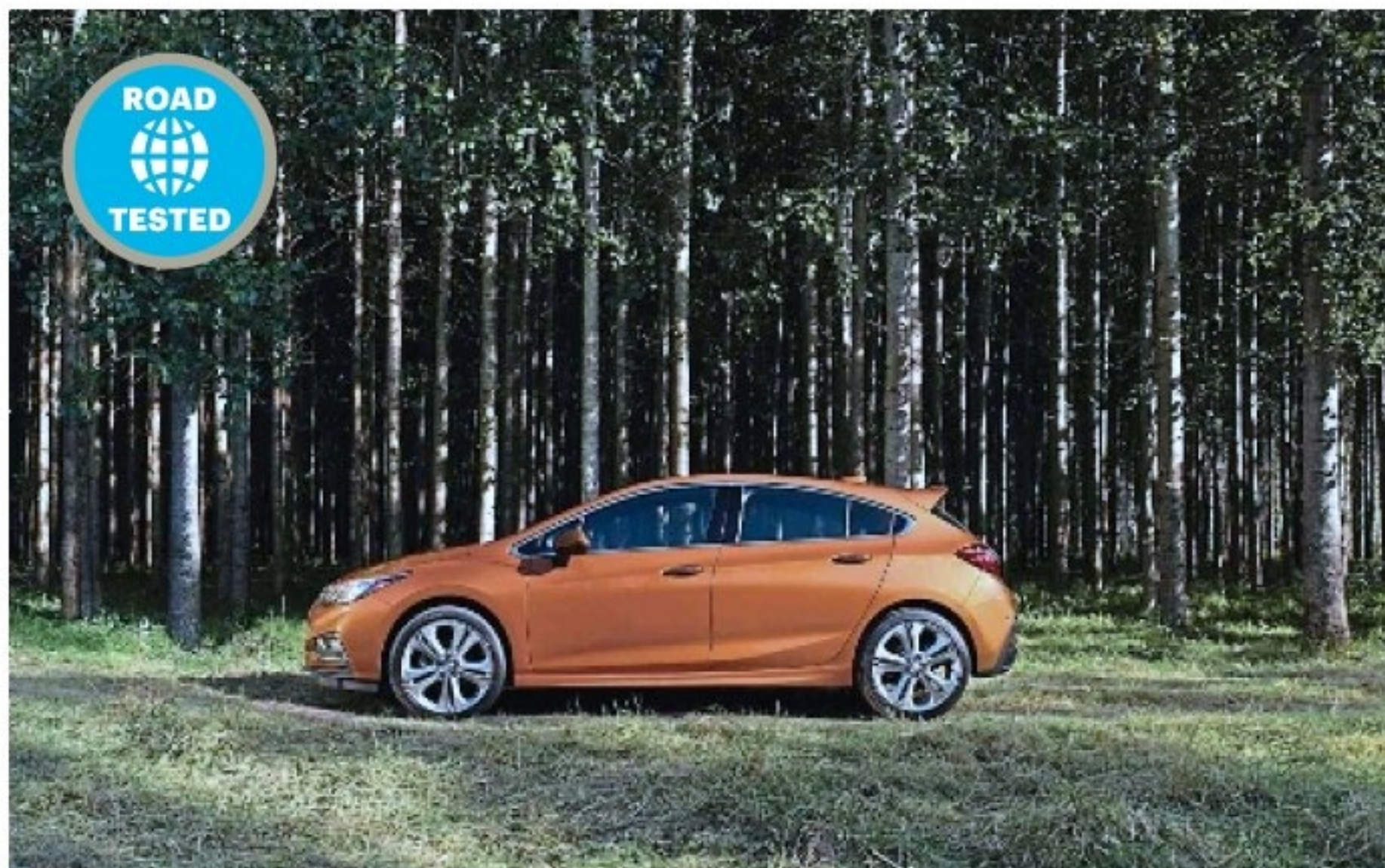
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Big addition to small-car lineup



REVIEW

Chevy Cruze adds to cargo area with intro of hatchback



Craig Cole
AutoGuide.com

The new Chevrolet Cruze is a respectable compact vehicle that delivers what most shoppers in this segment are looking for. It's reasonably priced, extremely efficient and more refined than you might expect.

For these reasons and more, it's become the brand's best-selling car. Globally, more than 3.5 million Cruzes have been sold since it was introduced in 2008.

Further broadening this car's appeal, a hatchback version is being offered. Arguably, this Cruze's biggest allure is its generously portioned cargo area. With the rear seats up, it provides nearly 25 cubic feet of storage space. Fold the backrests down and that number grows to more than 47. Making the trunk even more versatile is its nearly flat load floor.

When it comes to hauling people instead of groceries, its back bench is cushy and large enough to accommodate a couple six-footers, though three adults would probably be cramped.

For now, the only engine offered in this car is a smooth-running 1.4-litre four-cylinder.

Drivers have two different six-speed transmissions to choose from; you can get either a manu-

al or an automatic. The transmission's performance is smooth, never missing a shift.

Velocity can creep up on you while driving this machine; sometimes you don't realize you're speeding since its interior remains so hushed. Like a luxury car, the Cruze confidently subdues wind, tire and engine noise.

Dynamically, the Cruze's worst attribute is its over-boosted steering.

As for the model we evaluated, it included niceties like keyless entry with push-button start and 17-inch aluminum wheels.

Leather seating surfaces spruced this example's interior up nicely. The cabin is almost exclusively constructed of hard plastic, but looks nice thanks to its premium texturing.

The Enhanced Convenience Package brought an auto-dimming rear-view mirror, wireless device charging and more. The Driver Convenience II Package added automatic high beams, lane keep assist and forward collision alert.

Android Auto and Apple CarPlay were also included.

Unfortunately, there are a couple unabashedly chintzy things inside this car, chiefly the control stalks. They feel ready to snap off with the slightest pressure. I'm also no fan of the front seats, which are low and lack lumbar support.

The 2017 Chevrolet Cruze Hatchback is a welcome addition to the brand's small-car lineup. Efficient, spacious and refined, it's a completely rational choice. However, this machine does have one glaring fault: it doesn't know how to have any fun.

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Israeli firm eyeSight Technologies just announced a new sensing system that aims to reduce in-vehicle distraction by monitoring drivers.

This company's latest human-machine interface aims to improve safety by keeping tabs on whoever's behind the wheel. In addition to this, the technology offers several other benefits.

Powered by an infrared monochrome sensor that works in a variety of lighting conditions from direct sun to complete darkness, eyeSight's latest creation can detect whether a driver is distracted or even drowsy. It achieves this by keep-



New sensing system aims to reduce distracted driving. ISTOCK

ing tabs on their head position, eyelid openness, and iris location.

This information can then be passed on to the vehicle so it can take proactive steps to improve safety. For example, if adaptive cruise control is engaged, the vehicle could automatically increase following distance if it knows the motorist isn't giving their full attention to the road.

This technology can also recognize individual drivers through facial analysis. By identifying the person in the cap-

tain's chair, a vehicle can automatically customize the driving experience by adjusting the seat, setting a desired temperature or even selecting preferred music.

Aside from safety and convenience, eyeSight's latest offering also supports touch-free gesture controls, something that's supported by the same infrared sensor. This technology has the potential to simplify various tasks and eliminate the need to look away from the road to interact with a physical control, which should reduce distraction.

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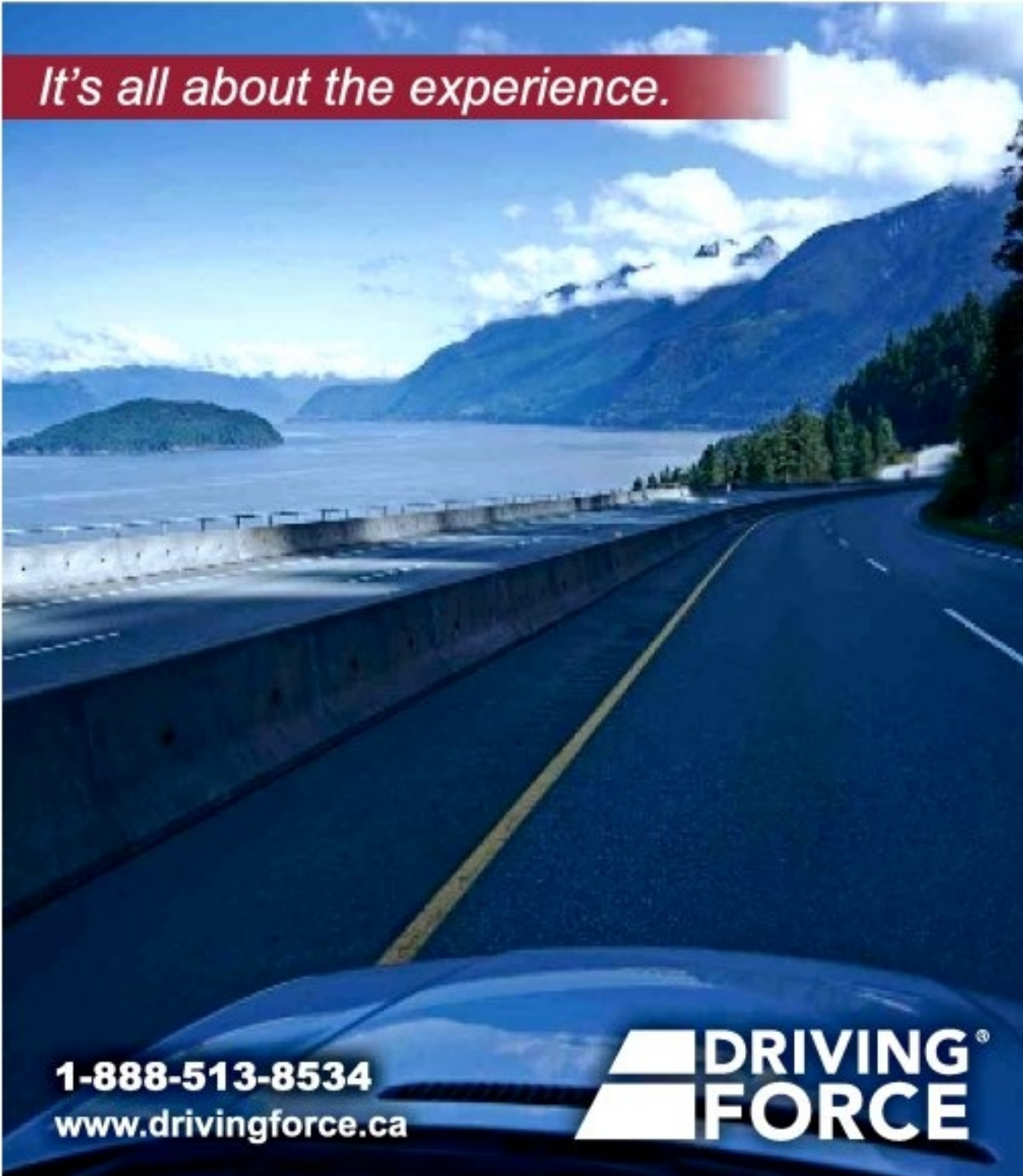
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Whitecaps set to lock horns with Red Bulls

SOCCER

Teams hastily prepare for CONCACAF quarter-finals

Vancouver Whitecaps goalkeeper David Ousted doesn't expect one of the biggest matches in club history to be a thing of beauty.

The Whitecaps and the New York Red Bulls are set to play a meaningful game for the first time in 2017 on Wednesday when they meet in the first leg of their CONCACAF Champions League quarter-final.

With the Major League Soccer schedule not set to kick off until the first weekend in March, both clubs had to ramp up their pre-season training regimens quicker than usual to get ready.

"I think soccer-wise it might not be the most polished," said Ousted. "But the intensity's going to be there, the tackles are going to be there and we're going to fight for a good result."

The Whitecaps began preparations last month with 11 days in Wales before returning home and then travelling to Portland, Ore., for a series of exhibition games and more practice sessions.

"Hopefully we are up to speed," said Vancouver head coach Carl Robinson. "The boys are a great group of lads. They enjoy working hard."

"We'll be prepared. It will just



Central FC's Jason Marciano trips over the Whitecaps' Bret Levis during CONCACAF Champions League action at BC Place Stadium on Sept. 28, 2016. RICHARD LAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ SECOND LEG

The finale of the two-game aggregate series will be played at BC Place Stadium on March 2.

be if we can perform on the day."

The Whitecaps advanced as the top seed from the group stage in 2016, one of the lone bright spots in a disappointing campaign that saw them miss the MLS playoffs and also allow a late goal to lose the Amway

Canadian Championship.

"It's the first time in history that our club's been this far in this tournament. We want to try and take advantage of it," said Robinson. "It's going to be very tough game. It will probably come down to a little bit of fitness towards the end."

The Whitecaps will be minus four attacking options on Wednesday. Yordy Reyna, Christian Bolanos and Nicolas Mezquida are all out injured, while Fredy Montero, a designated player who joined the club on loan last week, is also staying home to get

ready for the return leg.

That means Robinson will likely go with some combination of Kekuta Manneh, Erik Hurtado, Alphonso Davies and Giles Barnes up front.

At the other end, Vancouver will have to be wary of Red Bulls striker Bradley Wright-Phillips, who led MLS in scoring two of the last three years.

"It's not going to be won in the first leg, but it can certainly be lost," said Robinson. "We've got to make sure we're drilled into what we want to do."

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CURLING

Nedohin back in the hack at Scotties

Holding Alberta's broom at the Canadian women's curling championship made Heather Nedohin realize how much she missed it.

The 41-year-old quit competitive curling two years ago after two decades and a pair of national titles.

But the emergency call-up by Shannon Kleibrink has been coming off the bench a lot at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in St. Catharines, Ont.

Nedohin skipped her second and third games for Alberta on Tuesday because of Kleibrink's ailing back. Alberta's record was 3-3 with Nedohin in the house for two of those wins.

"I have to be honest. I never thought I'd be back," Nedohin said. "I'm going to get emo-



Heather Nedohin
THE CANADIAN PRESS

tional. It feels really good to be back."

Nedohin and Manitoba's Michelle Englot locked horns Tuesday until the 10th end when Nedohin missed her attempt at a deuce to send the game into an extra end.

Manitoba prevailed 9-5, but suffered its first loss at night falling 8-7 to defending champion Chelsea Carey of Calgary.

Ontario's Rachel Homan downed Saskatchewan's Penny Barker 7-4 to be alone atop the field at 7-0. Englot was 6-1 ahead of Carey at 5-1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Manchester City wins first leg with furious finish

Manchester City scored three goals in 11 minutes to fight back for a 5-3 win over Monaco in a wild Champions League match full of dazzling attacking play and dreadful defending on Tuesday.

City was facing a first-leg deficit in the Round of 16 match when Sergio Aguero volleyed in a 71st-minute equalizer for his second goal of the night, John Stones prodded home from a corner in the 77th, and Leroy Sane pushed City further ahead with a tap-in in the 82nd.

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Matthews, Leafs get the better of Laine, Jets

Jake Gardiner scored in overtime Tuesday night as Auston Matthews' Toronto Maple Leafs prevailed 5-4 over Patrik Laine's Winnipeg Jets.

Matthews had three assists in the win and Leo Komarov scored twice for Toronto, which jumped back into control of the final Eastern Conference wildcard spot (28-20-11).

Laine scored twice for Winnipeg (28-29-6), becoming the first rookie in franchise history to record 30 goals. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Restaurant-worthy Nicoise Pasta



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This pasta may look like a restaurant-worthy main, but really it's a pantry friendly mid-week life saver.

Ready in 25 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 500 grams spaghetti
- 3 Tbsps olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup black olives, pitted and roughly chopped
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 x 5 oz tin of tuna, drained
- 3 or 4 leaves of fresh basil, torn into pieces
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated

Directions

1. Put a pot of well-salted water on to boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Just before you drain, remove 1 cup of cooking liquid and set aside.

2. In another large pot, warm up olive oil over medium heat. Toss in garlic, tomatoes, olives and capers. Stir and let the garlic cook for a couple of minutes. Add tuna and break it up a bit.

3. Add the cooked pasta and toss together until the pasta is well-coated and the rest of the ingredients are spread throughout. Pour in your cooking liquid bit by bit until the pasta loosens up.

4. Serve with a topping of grated Parmesan and fresh basil.

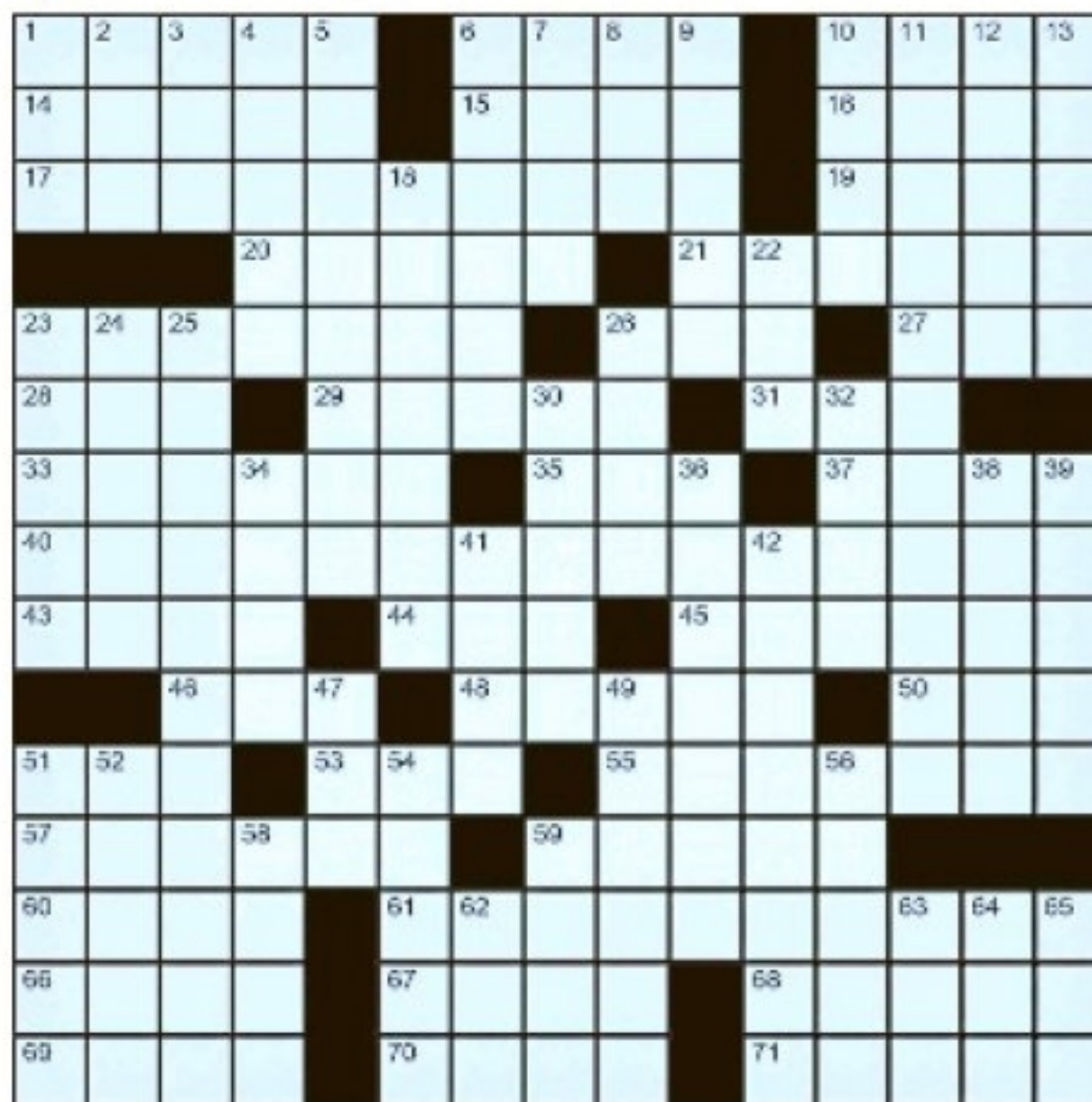
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- Louisiana, par exemple
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- Sovereign, e.g.
- Pussycat Dolls hit: "Don't __"
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- Chuck Berry song lady, and namesakes
- Restaurant tab increases: 2 wds.
- US Ambassador to Canada in recent rumoured news, Sarah __

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- Light fog
- __-date
- Go away
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- Cooking meas.
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- Ms. DiFranco
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- Clipped groceries savings item: 2 wds.
- Radio legend Casey
- Intensely in-

- clined
- 'You better take care' in this Gordon Lightfoot tune
- Beak
- High points
- Garish
- Road trip woe: 2 wds.
- Li'l word segment
- One feeling ill
- River for Hamburg
- Longing
- Winter dryness relief in one's pocket or purse: 2 wds.
- "Hogan's Heroes" star Bob
- Toronto-born actor Tyler
- Roadside mil. hazards
- Phones the wrong number
- Devalize
- Where to see pandas and penguins: 3 wds.
- Apothecary weights
- Sound
- Canada's motto, 'A Mari __ ad Mare'
- Map detail
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- Central part
- Checkout scanner's target [acronym]
- Jack __ (Sailor)
- Sister of Zsa Zsa
- Sales pro

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you have a powerful urge to make creative changes in your immediate environment. This includes your body and your health. You want a superior result with everything that you do. Bravo!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will work hard behind the scenes to improve things for yourself today. These improvements will be in every level of your life, especially financial.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You have the ability to encourage groups to work to achieve something better today. It might involve tearing down something in order to rebuild.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your ambition is fiercely aroused today, which is why you will accept no interference from anyone. You are on a mission, and you intend to achieve your goal.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Conflict with others about politics, religion or racial issues will be intense today. Avoid this if you can, because these differences will become nasty.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Disputes about shared property and inheritances might come to a head today. People will not listen to each other. You have to be prepared to compromise.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your dealings with partners and close friends will be challenged today. Someone wants to do things his or her own way, and he or she will not listen to you. Maybe you can just tread water and not lose any ground?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will work relentlessly to achieve your aims today. You also will try to make others work just as hard alongside you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Those of you involved in sports will be fiercely competitive today. Parents and teachers also will have strong expectations for their kids. (Easy does it.)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can make big changes for the better at home today, especially in areas related to bathrooms, plumbing, laundry, garbage and recycling. Act on this strong energy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are highly persuasive today. If you are in sales, marketing, teaching, acting or writing, you definitely will score!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You're willing to work hard to make money today because it's important to you. But you might work just as hard to improve or change something you own. Today, everything matters.

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